

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 to read as follows:

This is the U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US2003/037143,
filed November 18, 2003 (published in English under PCT Article 21(2)), which in turn ~~This~~
~~application~~ claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/427,464 filed
November 18, 2002 and 60/482,604 filed June 25, 2003, both herein incorporated by reference.

On page 1, line 7, please add the following two new paragraphs and paragraph headings:

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

This invention was made by the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an agency of the United States Government. Therefore, the U.S. Government has certain rights in this invention.

REFERENCE TO A SEQUENCE LISTING SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC

This application contains a sequence listing submitted on a compact disc, identified as "seq listing.app," created May 13, 2005 (452 KB/462,908 bytes), which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please insert the Abstract, submitted herewith on a separate page, as page 91 at the end of the application.